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NEWS OF COUNTY TOLD IN BRIEFS

Items of Interest in Country Districts Interestingly Told

OBSERVER SPECIAL SERVICE

Observer Representatives Keep in Touch With All Matters of Importance in Their Part of the Famous "Blue Ribbon" District of the State of Oregon.

INDEPENDENCE

C. W. Butler will build a fine new residence on his lot in North Independence.

J. W. Brooks sold his place three miles north of the city this week; Joe Montgomery getting 47 1/2 acres and J. J. Underwood 21 1/2 acres.

J. W. Linn bought another new auto Monday, trying a Marion this time.

A couple of street players have been causing quite a bit of merriment here the last few days. Their rollicking tunes have started the feet of the old men to going and it has been no uncommon sight to see old gray haired men dancing the old dances of a generation ago. It is needless to say that the players picked up quite a bit of cash.

Dr. H. C. Damsuhr went to Albany, Thursday where he will address the students of Albany college Friday morning.

D. W. Brooks had a public sale of all his stock and farm implements Wednesday, and the first of the week will leave for the San Joaquin valley in California where he will make his future home.

President Ackerman of the State Normal school was in the city Tuesday.

County Commissioner G. W. Wells was a visitor in the city Tuesday.

V. O. Boots, the Monmouth insurance man, was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.

The Rebekah lodge will give a Halloween entertainment Friday evening in the I. O. O. hall.

Mrs. Ella Shinn will build a new bungalow on her property in north Independence.

Mr. Cross will shortly commence work on a new bungalow on his property in this city.

The heaviest frost of the season fell Monday night. The days have been fine and sunny and the nights clear and cold just to let us know that winter is about here.

The controversy of the ownership of the street between D and E streets on Second was settled Tuesday and the paving company started to work to put in the curbs and put the street to grade. The Southern Pacific Co. has claimed that this street was deeded to them but their assertions were unable to give proof of any deed to this property on file and the only record of the street being presented to the railroad was the vacation of the street by the city. The signs declaring the property to be a private way were taken down the latter part of last week.

The city council has condemned the switch placed by the Southern Pacific Co. near D street as there are two large holes that are large enough for a horse to step in.

Hunters in this vicinity are taking advantage of the last few days of the season, but are going to the foot hills as all of the birds have gotten gun shy and took a sneak for "the tall and uncut."

Mrs. J. J. Fenton, Mrs. G. Carbrav, Mrs. M. C. Williams and Mrs. S. Hays entertained their friends at the home of Mrs. Hays on Wednesday afternoon. Five hundred was played and refreshments were served.

J. G. McIntosh and J. S. Cooper were appointed as clerks of both the special and general city elections.

Word was received Monday morning by Mrs. I. Govro that her niece, Mrs. Dudley Gibson, of Salem, had died.

The L. O. O. M. had a special trip to Salem, Tuesday night to take in their big entertainment.

Ray Russell formerly of this city but now attending high school in Newberg, did some of the star work on the Newberg team against Dallas high school last Saturday.

FALLS CITY

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Frink left this week for Idaho where they will spend a month visiting their daughter, Mrs. Jesse Plankinton. Wm. Ford is taking care of the farm during their absence.

All of the Falls City teachers left Tuesday evening for Dallas to attend the Teachers' Institute. There has been no school the last three days of the week.

Miss Ella Mehring spent Sunday at her home in this city.

S. K. Skeels, who was seriously injured in the Seymour auto wreck, is reported somewhat improved in health

PREPARED FOR CONTEST

Voters of Polk Will Decide on Five Important Questions; Precincts For City.

In preparation for the coming election Tuesday, when five important questions will be decided by the voters at the state of Oregon, ballot boxes have been sent out through the sheriff's office to every precinct in Polk county. Everything is in readiness for election day, and according to the registration during the past few months interest in the event is waxing keen.

Since the registration books opened for the fall election 932 have registered. This number added to the total registration last year, brings the total number in Polk county entitled to vote to about 4,300.

Voters of Dallas will cast their votes at the county court house, armory, city jail, and Woodman's hall. Elsewhere in the Observer is published a sample of the official ballot and by reviewing this, the voters will be advised regarding the important questions to be voted upon.

at the present time. He is at the Dallas hospital.

W. F. Nichols went to Salem, Saturday to visit friends. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Nichols who has been visiting in Portland and Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Tetherow spent a few days last week with old friends near Monmouth, their former home.

Misses Emma and Freida Christenson, of Salem, visited over Sunday with friends in Falls City.

Mrs. Fred Perrin and Miss Grace Young were passengers to Salem, Monday.

G. D. Gordon, mayor of Newberg, was in the city Monday looking after his property here.

G. D. Treat and family drove to Monmouth, Sunday and spent the day with Mr. Treat's parents there.

Mrs. Alma Dempsey, of Rickreall, was a Falls City visitor Saturday.

C. T. West has had city water installed in his residence on Shelton avenue.

The Davis and Munson families motored to Portland, Tuesday in the former's auto.

Several improvements are going on at the Christian church, among them being a new coat of paint and a new stairway. These give the building a splendid appearance.

The Ladies Art club met at the home of Mrs. Anna Kerr, Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary E. Halsey is spending a week in Tillamook. Miss Hammond is looking after the household during her absence.

H. L. Shelton, Superintendent of the Oregon Anti-Saloon league, delivered several lectures in the different churches of the city Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. T. B. Hooker and children went to Independence, Wednesday to visit at the home of Ira Hooker for several days.

Mrs. Jonah Lowe is very seriously ill and her children are all here, Mrs. Vina Miller coming last week from Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Powell drove to Albany, Saturday to visit with Mrs. Powell's parents at that place.

L. U. Ingram left this week for Hoskins where he has been employed as sawyer in the new mill there.

The Sunday school class of Mrs. M. L. Thompson was entertained by the remainder of the school Saturday at the Methodist church. The feed consisted of an oyster supper. About 125 were present and enjoyed the frolic. This class won out in the decorating contest this summer and were entertained by the school as a result of their good work.

Mrs. Mary M. Harrington and son, Ralph, spent several days at the home of Rev. E. I. Harrington, of Newberg.

AIRLIE

Mrs. John Lewis and little grandson, of Portland, are visiting her son and family, A. R. Lewis.

Mrs. R. C. Brown, of the Upper Pedee, was in town Thursday on her way over to Soap Creek to see her daughter, Mrs. Harry Neal.

Lew Caughy went to Independence, Friday.

Not an empty house in town.

J. F. Ulneh is digging his potatoes. He wants to get them out before it sets in to raining.

Eliza Caughy visited her sister, Mrs. Joe Mortimer at Perrydale last week.

Two family move in to town for to have better school advantages.

Mrs. A. Caughy and Miss Mary Jones visited J. F. Ulrichs Sunday.

Miss Kate Wenzel visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wiemert. She is our deputy post mistress.

S. M. Wood, of Corvallis, will preach at the school house Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

A. R. Lewis has installed a gasoline engine in his blacksmith shop to save hand power.

Mrs. George Conn visited Mrs. Wm. Shewey Sunday.

T. B. Williams and wife of Independence, are here visiting his son H. Williams and family.

Ward Butler, of Independence, was a business visitor here this week.

A. J. Johnson, of Corvallis, visited his brother, A. V. Sunady.

Mrs. T. C. Turner made a business

Colonel Kingman, New Head of U. S. Army Engineering Corps



COLONEL DAN C. KINGMAN, division engineer of the Southeastern division, with headquarters at Savannah, and senior colonel in the United States army engineering corps, succeeded General William T. Rossell as chief of engineers of the army, with the rank of brigadier general, when the latter recently retired on account of age. Colonel Kingman is a native of New Hampshire. He was appointed from that state to the Military academy at West Point on July 1, 1870. He was appointed a second lieutenant on June 16, 1875; a first lieutenant on March 4, 1879; a captain on March 20, 1886; a major on July 31, 1897; a lieutenant colonel on Feb. 16, 1905, and a colonel on July 6, 1908. He has held the latter rank continuously until the present time. Colonel Kingman has done a great deal for the betterment of the Savannah river and harbor.

Hunting Season Closes Tonight

Hundreds of Birds Killed by Polk Hunters—Duck and Geese Season Opens Tomorrow.

Today marks the ends of the open season for China Pheasants in the state of Oregon, and the opening of the season on ducks, geese, rails, coots and gallinules.

As was expected during the latter part of September, the season for pheasants which had been closed for two years resulted in the killing of thousands of pheasants in Western Oregon. Local sportsmen, with but few exceptions, found game plentiful. This was especially true during the first part of the season, but during the past week, the game became more scarce.

While the hunting of ducks and geese in Polk county will be limited to, but few sections, several sloughs are expected to be well filled with water during the latter part of next month, and may afford good hunting grounds. Several places have been leased by local hunters and the season is looked forward to with keen anticipation.

For the benefit of the local hunters, the following information is extracted from the last issue of the Oregon Sportsman, and may prove of considerable assistance.

New Federal Law. The new federal migratory bird law provides a five-year closed season on the following game birds: Band tailed pigeons, curlew, wood ducks, and also all of the shore birds to be found in Oregon except the black-breasted and golden plover, Wilson or jack snipe and greater and lesser yellowlegs. Both the black-breasted and golden plover are rare in Oregon so

trip to Independence, Tuesday. The thermometer dropped to 30 on Tuesday morning. Coldest this fall.

Mrs. George Conn was an Independence visitor Tuesday. Mr. Nyman, of Kings Valley, shipped 16 dressed porkers to the market Tuesday.

A carload of live hogs was shipped to Portland from here this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams on October 23, a nine pound son. Troy Turner, of Fir Grove, was a business caller in town Wednesday. He reports everything moving on nicely up there.

The freight receipts for October, 1913 run nearly \$10,000 so the agent reports. Was not more than that many hundreds last October.

Jos. Goetz left yesterday morning for Portland where he will remain several days visiting friends and relatives.

DOLL SHOP WINS HIGH APPROVAL

Local Talent in Pantomime Scores Big Success; Many Enjoy Play; Specialties Good.

The Doll Shop was given its initial performance by local talent Wednesday night at the Armory. A large audience enjoyed the pantomime, songs, dances and other specialties interspersed. The first act was entirely in pantomime, representing an old German shop with the proprietor and his workmen rearing and rearranging the assortment of dolls, which includes the baby doll, the dutch doll, the colonial doll, the Japanese doll, the Parisian doll, Topsy and Lippy the famous rag doll. These dolls were all personated by local people and created a world of mirth by their frolics.

Act second represents the old proprietor's dream in which the dolls are holding high carnival. This affords an opportunity for the introduction of specialties.

All of the parts without exception were well taken, and gave evidence of much work in careful preparation. A second reproduction was given last night.

Cast of Characters. Prologue, Eulalia Butler. Shopkeeper, F. G. Simonton. Katy, his daughter, Muriel Grant. Workman, Merle Meyers. English family, F. E. Collins, Mrs. F. G. Simonton, Pearl Jost, Lenora Craven.

Girl with broken doll, Claudia Plank. Dutelman, Clair Snyder. Bessie, Winona Rice. Spoilt boy, Mrs. W. L. Tooze. Fairy, Helen Casey.

Dolls. Broken doll, Louise Miles. Colonial doll, Miss Pearl Horner. Baby doll, Alva Lucas. Irish doll, Lucille Hamilton. Brown bears, Hollis Smith, Wilbert Hamilton, Edwin Serr, Elwyn Craven.

Dutch doll, Mme. J. Sziver. Jap dolls, Marjorie Bennett, Gladys Loughary.

Parisian doll, Miss Winifred Wing. Lippy, rag doll, Norval Gates. Topsy, F. W. Zeller.

One of the prettiest features of the evening, was the minut given by the following ladies: Miss Pearl Horner, Miss Helen Casey, Mrs. W. L. Soehren, Mrs. C. L. Crider, Mrs. H. Volheim, Miss Sadie Lynn, Mrs. L. D. Brown and Mrs. J. L. White.

Interest in Revival Growth. Despite the unusual number of attractions that have occupied the minds of the Dallas people this week, the Brooke-Curtis revival is daily growing in interest. Many have come to feel that to miss one service is a thing to be regretted. Evangelist Brooke's sermons are of the strictly educational type, yet deep in spirituality and fraught with love in every sentence. His familiarity with "The Book" and his clearness of interpretation and exegesis are notable features of his work.

Those desiring to build up in scriptural knowledge and spirituality can not be disappointed in the work of this evangelist. The music is inspiring. Some of the subjects upon which Mr. Brooke will speak are as follows:

Friday evening—"When Pay Day Comes Around"; Saturday evening—"The Three Worst Bargains in History"; Sunday morning—"Leather Spectacles"; Sunday evening—"Is Jesus The Son of God".

Last Sunday evening Mr. Brooke gave his own personal reasons for his faith in the claims of Jesus. Next Sunday evening he will treat a like subject but will consider the general evidences of the fact of Christ's sonship.

Free Transportation. The Trans-Continental Freight Bureau has issued Tariff No. 54-A, which provides for free return of all stock exhibits made at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition to be held at the Union Stock Yards, North Portland, Oregon, December 8 to 13, 1913. This is a very special recommendation of the importance of this show, as never before in the history of shows on the West Coast has a rate been made which would permit of the movement of livestock exhibits from the Middle West under like favorable ruling.

Special Meeting of Woman's Club. At the regular meeting of the Woman's club Tuesday, November 4, at 2:30 p. m., Mrs. Robbins, of the Domestic Science department, O. A. C., will be present to begin a three days course of lectures and demonstrations on the Domestic Science arts. Lectures and demonstrations will be given each afternoon and evening at the club rooms to which all ladies of the community are invited. No fee will be charged and it is hoped that the ladies will all take advantage of this splendid opportunity.

Miss Ella Gauderson returned Monday from her month's visit with her parents in Wheeler county.

STUDENTS FROM AFAR

Every County in State Represented at Agricultural College—Many Attend From Other States.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., Oct. 31.—For the fourth time in the last five years the student body of the college represents every county in Oregon, a large majority of the states of the Union, and many foreign nations. Multnomah leads the counties outside of Benton, California the states outside of Oregon, and Canada the foreign nations, in the number of students supplied.

There are 93 students from California, 79 from Washington, 26 from Idaho, 11 from New York, 8 from Illinois, 6 each from Indiana, Massachusetts and Kansas; and 5 each from Montana and Ohio. In all 31 states are represented. Canada has sent 7 students, Hawaii 6, India and Japan 4 each, China 3, Russia 2 and Greece and the Philippines 1 each.

The number of students enrolled in the regular course prior to October 16, was 1419, an increase of 21 percent over the number at the corresponding date last year. There were 187 enrolled in the summer session and much larger numbers are expected to register for the winter short course and for farmers' week. All these classes of students together with the expected increase in the full-year enrollment, will bring the entire number of students doing resident work at the college to about 3000. The senior class is the largest in the history of the school, and it is expected that there will be about 175 graduates next spring.

z Although the exceptionally large numbers tax the capacity of the institution to its utmost, new sections have been organized where required and the work of all departments is being well cared for. Students and instructors alike are characterized as enthusiastic and optimistic by the Registrar, who states that the most successful beginning in the history of the school has been made.

DALLAS IS DUE FOR HARD GAME

LOCAL FOOT BALL TEAM TO MEET FAST TEAM SATURDAY

Sheridan, Independence and Other Teams in Schedule.

Dallas high school will play Monmouth high school Saturday afternoon on the college campus at 2:30 o'clock. This is the first game of the season at home for the Dallas team, and the first game played on a Dallas ground for several years. Final arrangements were not made until late Thursday evening. The Monmouth team will be a good team and will, without a doubt, be a fast one and the people are promised an interesting contest.

The schedule for the Dallas team this season will be as follows: Lebanon at Dallas, Friday, November 7. This game will be played at a great expense to the Dallas team and the high school boys will need the support of all loyal fans financially.

The next game that is arranged is the return game with Lebanon on Saturday, November 22. The last game of the season will be with Independence on Thanksgiving day at the first part of the season is a success for the Dallas team. The only open date that the home team has is November 15 and manager Gooch is trying to get B. A. Teats' team of Sheridan for that date on the Sheridan grounds. The Independence game will be the most interesting contest of the season and November 27 it is expected that the grounds on the college campus will be a lively place.

In Saturday's game "Dub" Mulkey of the Dallas high track team last season will play quarter for the visitors. He is known to be a fast player, and playing with some other players who are experienced they will no doubt make it warm for the locals.

The Dallas team will be practically the same as last week when they played at Newberg, with the exception of right end. Eakin will be played in the place of Miles or Miller. Eakin is fast and should make a good end. The other positions will be filled by the same men used last week.

Word was received late Thursday evening that the Monmouth team would not be here for Saturday and will be substituted by a team made up from local players.

Memory plays queer pranks sometimes. After three men in Shelby county, Mo., had been indicted for perjury on their property returns, six property owners in an adjoining county called and had their assessments corrected. No doubt the shock recalled forgotten property.

GRAND JURY IS NOW IN SESSION

NEW LIST TO BE DRAWN AS SOON AS JUDGE ARRIVES

Argument For Motion of New Trial For Lewis Davis To Be Important—Jury Drawn.

Yesterday the first session of the grand jury, selected at the last term of court, was called and will continue in conference until tomorrow, when, upon the arrival of Judge Webster Holmes, it will be discharged, and a new grand jury drawn. It may be that the present grand jury will serve several days, or until the judge is ready to accept the report.

One of the most important incidents to be associated with the coming term of circuit court will be the argument on a motion for a new trial in the case of Lewis Davis. Davis was convicted during the August term of court of murder in the second degree and was sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary. Attorney Walter L. Tooze, Jr. for the defendant filed motion for a new trial, among other things alleging that improper remarks were made by the district attorney in his argument and exceptions were also taken by counsel for defense as to admission of evidence and other legal phases of the case.

Davis was convicted for the murder of his mother-in-law, Eliza J. Stewart, of Ballston.

Following is the list of jury drawn for the November term of court:

- Anthony Dent, Amity
- W. A. Patton, Independence
- C. E. McCaleb, Monmouth
- J. M. Wooden, Buell
- C. E. Herrin, Monmouth
- W. B. Banett, Independence
- A. H. Wyatt, Amity
- Henry Voth, Dallas, No. 1
- John Wienert, Airie
- Oscar Smith, Dallas
- H. G. Seely, Independence
- Rex Womer, Airie
- E. M. Waters, Airie
- E. E. DeArmond, Saver
- Thomas Guthrie, Dallas
- P. W. Flanery, Amity
- J. F. Ulrich, Airie
- G. A. Sperling, Independence
- D. G. Dove, Monmouth
- A. N. Newbill, Dallas
- J. H. James, Dallas
- Frank E. Valler, Rickreall
- A. Hastings, Airie
- G. N. Newton, Dallas
- J. W. Robinson, Dallas
- A. W. Dunn, Dallas
- J. M. Burford, Dallas
- G. F. McFee, Dallas
- N. F. Gregg, Ballston

TEACHERS MAKE TRIP TO NORMAL

AN EXPERIMENT IN COUNTY INSTITUTION WORK.

Spend Day in Watching Work at Teachers' Training School; Entertained at Normal.

The County Teachers' Institute started out Wednesday morning with an excursion to the State Normal school at Monmouth, where the day was spent watching the work of the Normal training school and listening to addresses by pedagogic authorities.

On arriving at Monmouth the rural school and grade teachers were escorted to the high school and there every facility was afforded them to watch the work of the training school conducted after approved modern methods. In the meantime the high school teachers were taken to the Normal where they were shown every courtesy and every effort was made to make their visit both pleasant and instructive.

At noon the visitors were entertained at a banquet prepared in the Normal where they were shown every being delightfully decorated for the occasion and expressive of the Normal's welcome to the teachers of the county.

The teachers and Normal students were addressed by State Superintendent Church at 3:45. In his message Mr. Churchill emphasized the importance of the element of personality in the art of teaching. This address was preceded by music furnished by the training school orchestra, composed of juveniles ranging in age from 7 to 14 years. Their work is exceptionally good and recent lists corrected. No doubt the shock recalled forgotten property.

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